

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: US/ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS

REF: ADDIS CRITIC 12/22/77

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